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ABSTRACT

This book is an attempt to describe an ethic of excellence in schools and to share strategies for building and sustaining a school culture predicated on this ethic. It discusses a broad notion of excellence that includes excellence in academics, arts and creativity, and character. It recognizes that schools play a major role in shaping the values of children and argues that the very process of schooling imbues values, whether or not one believes that schools should be teaching values. The first chapter provides an overview of the concept of excellence in schools and the author's efforts to share his vision of excellence with educators. Chapter 2 is concerned with building a foundation for a school culture of excellence. It discusses improving student work based on building a community that encourages and supports excellence. Chapter 3 provides strategies for building works of excellence. It describes practical suggestions for improving the quality of student work and thinking. The final chapter discusses the teaching of excellence, focusing on ways teachers can improve student work and instill a culture of excellence. (WFA)

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